the food subsidy borne by the Central Government.

Allocation of Sugar to Maharashtra for Distribution Under PDS

1600. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criterion on which the quota of sugar is given to Maharashtra for distribution through P.D.S.;

(b) whether the figures of the 1991 census are taken into consideration for fixing up the said quota;

(c) if not, whether it will now be taken into consideration; and

(d) what is the total demand of sugar of Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RA1) : *(a)* Under the present policy of partial control, monthly allocations of levy sugar to most of tht States/UTs are being made on uniform norms of ensuring 425 gms. per capita monthly availability for projected population as on 1-10r86. These norms are effective from 1-2-1987. Accordingly, about 3.35 lakh tonnes of sugar is being allocated as levy for distribution under the Public Distribution System for the entire country. Government has also allowed 5% ad-hoc increase in the monthly levy allocations of all Stales/ UTs from August, 1991, which is being continued. In addition to the above, Government releases about 1 lakh tonnes per annum as festival quota which is allocatr ed to the Staies/UTs in proportion to their monthlylevy allocations. On the above abasis, levy sugar allocation for Maharashtra is as under :—

(i) Monthly normal quota . . .	29938 tonnes
(ii) Monthly 5% ad-hoc incicase (allowed from August, 1991).	1497 "
(iii) Festival quota for each year . .	9014 "

(b) No, Sir.

(c) At present, there is no proposal.

, (d) No demand for increasing the levy quota of Maharashtra has been teceived rom the State Government recently.

होटगी में भारतीय खाद्य निगम का गोदाम

1601. **श्री सुशील कुमार सम्भाजीराव शिन्दे** : क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि होटगी में भारतीय खाद्य निगम का गोदाम है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि होटगी रेलवे स्टेशन भी उक्त गोदाम के निकट है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो जो माल रेलगाड़ी के माध्यम से भेजा जाता है, उसे सोलापुर उतारने और फिर इसे गोदाम में रखने के लिए ट्रकों द्वारा होटगी भेजे जाने के क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) उस माल को होटगी स्टेशन पर ही न उतारे जाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ङ) इस अपव्यय को रोकने के लिए सरकार क्या-क्या कदम उठाना चाहती है ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्प नाथ राय) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठते ।

Missing Trucks of F.C.I.

1602. PROF. V1JAY KUMAR MALHOTRA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(i) whether it is a fact that 900 tiucks of the Food Corporation of India, laden with wheat and rice, were reported to be missing as appeared in the newspapers of 24th January 1994;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether those trucks have been traced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAD : (a) 895 trucks of the Food Corporation of India earning foodgrains to Srinagar/ Valley remained unreconciled upto December, 1993.